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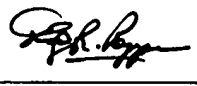
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to an Office Action Restriction Requirement dated January 7, 2004,
Applicants elect Group II, claims 27-32.

Respectfully submitted,

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